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Attached hereto please find Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of each reference by initialing in the appropriate box for each reference, and returning an initialed copy with the next Official Action. A copy of the cited references therein is also enclosed.

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Japanese Publication No. 2004-035736 (Suda, et al.) was cited in Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-383012, which claims priority to copending U.S. Application No. 10/612,243, filed June 30, 2003. As noted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 15, 2004, U.S. Application No. 10/612,243 is related to the present application.

Also included in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a copy of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0024090 A1, which claims priority to, and thus appears to be a U.S. equivalent of, the cited Japanese reference, JP 2004-035736.

U.S. Patent No. 5,482,809 (Rao et al.) was cited in Korean Patent Application No. 10-2003-0090033, which corresponds to U.S. Application No. 10/691,191, which in turn is related to the present application.

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